

snowstorm near Stromsburg. He died while working at the age of 40. He was involved in his church, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, serving on many committees. He was also a loving husband and father. He was an Eagle Scout and also served as a scout leader for his son, Jeff's, troop. Craig was well thought of by his employees because he encouraged them to grow both professionally and personally and you have on your desk a letter from the Seward Chamber of Commerce and there were many people that worked very personally with him. I also want to just read a few words from one of his patients. It says, "In Dedication to Craig Cooperrider. The man always wore a smile, if not a grin, with a personality all his own ready for a joke or with one for you ready to cheer. His job yet demanding, he loved. Only he had the quality to handle it all in his own way, still being caring and finding the time to help, if only to share a grin, a joke, a pat on the back or at least a few words, a job he took seriously yet hardly ever showed his own weariness. He meant so many different things to so many different people. He had a special gift only God could give which he used in the way he lived. He always kept the faith. His caring came from the heart and in our hearts is where he'll always stay. For we, the many he helped and knew, reflect the very special man God made him. He left a memory for us all. He gave a lot of people life, yet God took his. What a special person to be in God's hands. To a very special friend I found in Craig, I leave these final words. May we all remember him in this way. May God be blessed with him as we all were." And in closing I would just like to say that now, therefore be it resolved by the members of the Ninety-Fourth Legislature of Nebraska that Craig A. Cooperrider be recognized for his work and dedication to this state and his community. That the condolences and sympathy of the members of the Legislature are extended to the family of Craig Cooperrider. Thank you for this time to reflect and honor a very thoughtful, dedicated and caring man who was highly respected by the citizens in his community and will be missed by many. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Stuhr, I see Senator Coordsen is a cointroducer. Were you yielding part of your opening to Senator Coordsen? Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, only to echo what Senator Stuhr said. Once in a while things happen that we find hard to understand and I think it's only fitting, right, true and just that the body of the Legislature